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EXPANSION OF CROP COVERAGE UNDER NAIS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal from Government of Kerala to include more crops in National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS);

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to expand the NAIS coverage to include crops such as coconut, rubber, pepper, cashew, arecanut, tea, coffee, vanila etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. State Government of Kerala from time to time has requested for coverage of perennial/horticultural crops like coconut, rubber, arecanut, tea etc. under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

(b) to (d): NAIS, at present is covering Food crops (cereals, millets & pulses), Oilseeds and Annual Commercial/Horticultural crops subject to the availability of past yield data. Perennial Horticultural crops are not yet covered under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

However, the Joint Group constituted to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance schemes have considered various issues including coverage of perennial horticultural crops. The Group has submitted its report. The Government, at present, is in the process of consulting various stakeholders on the recommendations of the Group.